

Arizona Department of Agriculture Perspective on Renewable Energy

- The Arizona Department of Agriculture, through the Livestock and Crop Conservation Grant Program (LCCGP), has funded multiple renewable energy projects (solar wells for the ranching community). All of these projects have been small and some have been connected to the grid.

2009 cycle: 24 solar projects

2007 cycle: 21 solar projects

2005 cycle: 5 solar projects

- Agricultural lands may be targeted due to their proximity to power lines, water rights and easily developable (level) land.
- The Arizona Farm Bureau favors alternative energy sources, including those that utilize agricultural products and by-products and they support and encourage the use of tax incentives to promote and develop the utilization of renewable energy on agricultural operations.
- The Arizona Farm Bureau is opposed to adding any taxes or fees on energy users for the purposes of promoting or developing renewable energy.